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Responsive to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004 requesting Applicant to elect species, Applicant hereby elects Species I, Claims 1-8 and 10, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse. Applicant requests that in the event a generic claim is held allowable, that the nonelected claims be considered for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (360) 750-9931 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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